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## FARMINGTON Pageant and Home-Coming

SEPTEMBER 14, 15 and 16

Pageant on Ozark Athletic Field, Sept. 14 and 16, 8 p. m.

Concert, Sept. 15, under direction of E. C. Barroll.

SEASON TICKETS: ADULTS \$1.00; CHILDREN UNDER 14, 60c.

Everybody Invited. Tell Your Friends.

## Our Great SHOE CLEARANCE SALE Is Now Going on Big Reductions Big Selections Karsch's

### MR. HUGHES' ICE BLOCK

The speech of candidate Hughes' last week accepting in a formal manner the Republican nomination was awaited with much interest. The result was a distinct disappointment. Disappointing to the country because it felt like a "block of ice", and actually caused a drop in the temperature; disappointing to the Democrats because it gives them nothing to answer; disappointing to the Republicans because it brings them neither joy nor hope.

The substance of the speech may be summed up in a few words. It might have been delivered without words, if he had simply brought a statue of Mr. Wilson with him to the notification meeting and a basket of rotten eggs and tossed them at the statue one at a time, that would have been Hughes' speech in all its eloquence, a speech without words. The whole speech from beginning to end was devoted to rotten egging the President, as the New York World puts it, and Mr. Hughes does not offer the slightest word of constructive policy as to "how he would have done" if he had been in Mr. Wilson's shoes during the last three years, during which time he has borne the heaviest burdens of any of our Presidents except Washington and Lincoln.

To quote again from the New York World, which tears the speech to tatters and tosses it to the four winds of heaven as so much rubbish, we read:

"If Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance means anything, it means that for partisan and personal ends, he is in sympathy with every foreign country and with every foreign element that has been in controversy with President Wilson during the last three years. He is for Huerta and against the President. He is for Carranza and against the President. He is for Villa and the Mexican bandits and against the President. He is for Great Britain against the President. He is for the German conspiracy and against the President."

That Mr. Hughes is doing all that he can to win the votes of the hyphenated American has been repeatedly charged, not only by the Democrats but even the organs of his own party have criticised him for making a bid for the un-American vote.

The New York Tribune is admittedly the foremost Republican organ of the United States and is trying hard to be a staunch American paper and to support Mr. Hughes at the same time, but finds it a difficult purpose to accomplish. In speaking of Mr. Hughes' speech of acceptance, it comments in part as follows:

"It would be idle to pretend that the portion of Mr. Hughes' address which deals with the Lusitania massacre and our relations with Germany is satisfactory to the Tribune. Nor shall we undertake to make any such pretense."

The Tribune is with very large company in being dissatisfied with the speech of Mr. Hughes, and the Tribune and the country will also realize that the country is not only dissatisfied with the speech but dissatisfied with Mr. Hughes also.

Senator John S. Williams of Mississippi was asked for an opinion on the speech of Mr. Hughes, and he says it reminded him of an appointment of a man some years ago as Attorney General of the United States, who had never been able to make a living at home; so after he had been in office a while he went back home and walked around through the country dressed like a farmer, and asked what had become of so and so, (naming himself)? The first old farmer re-

plied that he had been appointed Attorney General of the United States. Well, says the disgraced Attorney General, what do the people around here think of the appointment? The old farmer says, "They jess laugh."

### TWO ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY BOYS MAY HAVE FREE WEEK AT MO. STATE FAIR

State Superintendent Howard A. Gass announces that the State Board of Agriculture has again made provision for the Boys' State Fair School to be held in connection with the Missouri State Fair at Sedalia September 23-30.

The State Fair School will be composed of two boys from each county selected by a competitive examination in Arithmetic, Geography and Agriculture. These boys will be entertained at the expense of the State Fair Board. Tents, cots, meals, admission to the grounds, grandstand and stock pavilion will be furnished free.

A program of lectures and demonstrations will be given in the forenoon of each day. In the afternoon and evenings the boys will see the sights of the fair.

The county superintendent will give the examination August 26, 1916, at Farmington, Mo., beginning at 9 a. m. Boys between the ages of 13 and 17 on October 1, 1916, and who have not attended are eligible.

Here is a chance for a fine trip, an opportunity to see a great State Fair, and all free to the boys who win.

Boys, don't say "I can't"; perhaps all the other fellows are saying that. Don't be in the class that doesn't try.

For additional information address J. CLYDE AKERS, County Superintendent, Farmington, Missouri.

### THE LOGIC OF CONQUEST

A recent issue of The Independent illustrates how impossible it is for the annexationists to conceal their interest. The Independent is a high-class publication—one of the fairest in the country. It is supporting Hughes, but it is doing it in a candid, clean and honorable way.

In its issue of July 3d—page 3—it disclaims for the nation any desire for territory: "The United States has no hunger for Mexican territory, no thirst for selfish aggrandizement."

On page 4, however, it protests against any "binding of our hands." "We have no purpose of conquest or aggression," but—"BUT we do not know what the future will bring forth. We cannot know what our duty will be when our immediate task in Mexico is done."

And then, on page 6 we read, under head of "Essentials of National Independence," "We need no more room for expansion, though we need to have control of more tropical territory for the raw materials that it alone can furnish."

Here we have it. The logic of conquest is very plain—"We need it," but of course, we don't want it. Needing it, they say we should not bind ourselves not to take it if "duty" compels it.

It is the old story of lust for land, which leads to conquest, excused on the ground of duty. If this country has any duty it is to suppress the doctrine of conquest and to teach love and brotherhood.

W. J. BRYAN.

You will save money by buying a season ticket to the Chautauqua. Ten splendid entertainments for the small sum of \$1.50.

## The Threatened Big R. R. Strike

The country-wide contest between the various brotherhoods of railroad employees and railroad managers over the demand of the former for an eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime, and the vote of the brotherhoods to strike if their demands are not granted, has been engrossing public attention the past week. If the threatened strike should take place the wheels of 225 railroad systems would stop—practically all the railroads in the United States. Such a strike would paralyze business and cause untold inconvenience and suffering throughout the country. It is the most gigantic labor strike that was ever contemplated.

The committees of railroad managers and the committee of railroad employe brotherhoods have failed to agree on any point to avert the threatened catastrophe. Then the Federal Board of Mediation and Arbitration met the committees of the two contending forces in an effort to help them to arrive at some amicable conclusion, but their efforts were a complete failure, and the brotherhoods refused to arbitrate. At this point President Wilson notified the committees of both contending forces that he desired to consult with them over their troubles. He met representatives of both sides at the White House and reasoned with them, but no definite proposition for settling the controversy developed. Mr. Wilson surprised both sides with his knowledge and wide grasp of the questions at issue.

The President suggested as a compromise that the railroad managers grant the eight-hour day and leave the question of over-time pay for later adjudication. Whether a settlement may be reached on this basis does not yet appear. It is said that if an agreement is not reached, the President has hinted that he may take the whole matter to Congress, that he intends to exhaust every means within his and the government's power to avert the universal calamity that such a strike would entail upon the country.

### THE CATHOLIC FESTIVAL

The weather was not very good to our Catholic friends Tuesday evening, the occasion of the annual festival of Farmington St. Joseph's Church, in sending a terrific electrical storm and rain that compelled them to postpone the festival until Wednesday evening. It entailed much extra work, for so much decorating had been done that had to be replaced Wednesday. But all's well that ends well; on the latter evening a large crowd was present and everything went off in fine shape.

The attendance prizes were a diamond ring and a "hope box." The former was won by Mr. Wichman of Doe Run and John W. McCarthy got the "hope box." This festival of St. Joseph's Church is one that is looked forward to each year with pleasure, as everybody who attends is sure to have a good time.

### THIS BABY GETS AWARD

Last October Raymond Graham and Miss Tonin Dietring and Conrad Dietring and Miss Grace Graham were married. Mr. Dietring, the father, it is said promised to give the first male heir \$100 dollars and a white face male calf. Last Monday a bouncing boy came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Graham and according to his grandpa's promise he falls the heir to the \$100 and calf; at least that is the story as it was told to a Times reporter.

### LAWSON—PRICE

Lacy L. Lawson and Miss Eva Price, both of Franklay, were united in marriage in this city last Thursday, August 10th, Justice Wm. Good tying the knot hard and fast.

The happy couple are now "at home" to their friends in Franklay, where they have gone to housekeeping. Their many friends wish them long life, full of happiness.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Hon. Edward F. Goltra, National Democratic Committeeman, and A. J. Meyer, a prominent stockholder in one of the lead companies operating in this vicinity, both of St. Louis, were guests a few hours of Judge E. E. Swink and family, of near town. These gentlemen are old friends of Judge Swink.

## IS INTIMIDATION TO BE AGAIN ATTEMPTED?

Rumor That All Bonuses Are to Be Cut Off in Lead Belt, While Prices Continue to Soar, Hardly Believeable

It has recently been quietly whispered about that the old-time political trick, that in times past has been worked so successfully, of attempting to make the miners throughout the Lead Belt believe that their jobs were at a premium, is to be again attempted soon, in the hope of coercing the miners for political purposes. The report is that all bonuses, amounting to 30 per cent. of the wage scale, is to be knocked off.

The Times cannot believe that such a thing will be attempted, especially in view of the continued soaring prices of lead, which is turning money into the coffers of the mine owners in a volume never before known. Such a thing is unbelievable, in view of the present prosperity with which the entire Lead Belt is reeking.

Then what could be the object of the companies for such a drastic course as this rumor suggests? They are no longer novices in the employment of labor, and they must know the greatly added value of happy and contented employes over discontented and unhappy ones. They doubtless have in the past been forced to a realization of the fact that it pays them well to give to the workmen the difference between poor wages and good wages.

Then, too, the average miner is now of a much higher order of intelligence than they have been in the past. They know that the price of lead is soaring as it has never before soared, and they also know that the profits to the companies are in keeping with the record-breaking market on lead. Under such conditions, what would be the first thought that would naturally occur to the mind of the average miner, on being told that they had been stripped of their bonuses? The question is too simple to require an answer.

There have been charges in the past in regard to moves having been made by the lead companies purely for political reasons. There are, perhaps, no residents of this county who have not heard of such reports. But it is said that "knowledge comes of experience."

## New Congressional Committee

At a meeting of the Democratic Congressional Committee of the 13th district, held at DeSoto Tuesday afternoon, Geo. W. Stivers of Greenville, and Parkhurst Sleeth of Flat River, were elected as members of the Democratic State Committee representing this district. The officers of the committee chosen were: Chairman, Dr. J. H. Parker, Jefferson county; Secretary, Wm. Huck, Ste. Genevieve county; Treasurer, Geo. T. Lee, Carter county.

Resolutions were adopted endorsing the State and National administrations and the excellent congressional record made by Congressman Walter L. Hensley. A high tribute was paid to Frederick D. Gardner, the Democratic nominee for Governor. A resolution was also adopted endorsing Benj. H. Marbury of Farmington for appointment by Governor Major to the St. Louis Court of Appeals in the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge Norton.

Plans were perfected for an active campaign to be waged for the re-election of Congressman Hensley. An executive committee, composed of J. H. Parker, Wm. Huck, Geo. T. Lee, Geo. W. Stivers and Parkhurst Sleeth, was appointed to confer with Congressman Hensley regarding the speaking dates and places for Wm. J. Bryan, Champ Clark, Senator J. Ham Lewis and other orators of national repute, who will be in the district during the campaign.

All the counties of the district were represented, with the exception of Perry county.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Master Joe Story is "eight going on nine," and in honor of this event he invited in eight of his little friends to spend a few hours Saturday afternoon, August 12th. Every moment of the time was full of fun, as all were wide-awake boys. Those present were Masters Harry Smith, Stephen Fleming, Allen and Fred Brewer, Joe Story and Nicholas, Joe Douglas and Gus Phillips. At 5:30 o'clock they were invited into the beautifully decorated dining room, where delicious refreshments were served, and on separating all voted Master Joseph a delightful entertainer.

### PAGEANT REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for the Farmington Pageant are being held daily for the various scenes. The director, Mrs. F. S. Weber, has called for a full rehearsal this (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock. It is important that everyone taking part be on hand, and they are very earnestly requested to be there promptly. If you do not know where your scene is being rehearsed step into the Public Library and find out, but be there.

## Auto Thieves Are Caught

Deputy Sheriff Sam Doss returned Saturday on the noon train from Mt. Vernon, Ill., having in custody Geo. Black and Luther Sutherland, who had been arrested near Mt. Vernon by the local Sheriff, who had the number of the stolen machine, as well as description of the thieves.

These boys, each of whom is only 18 years old, and who have grown up in Elvins, had a few days previous stolen a Ford car from Raymond Tlappek, and the machine was still running when overhauled. Perhaps the boys knew nothing more of where they were going than did the machine, except that they were "running away." They perhaps thought, after they had crossed over into Illinois that they were too far away ever to be caught, and had failed to take the precaution of defacing or changing the number of the machine.

It will be much easier now for them to tell where they are going than it was on their wild ride to "nowhere." They were placed in jail, but Justice Good immediately fixed their bond at \$1,000 each, which both succeeded in giving, and they were liberated the same afternoon. But young Black did not appear to appreciate the favor his bondsmen had done him, and insisted on making light of his predicament by being "funny" which resulted in his bondsmen turning him back into the hands of the law, and he was remanded back to jail to await his trial.

In this connection we would state that Deputy Sheriff Doss has gained the reputation of never returning empty handed whenever he starts after anyone or anything. He generally returns with the "goods."

## Print Paper Is Still Going Up

We notice in Tuesday's edition of the Caruthersville Democrat an article calling attention to the constant upward tendency of the price of print paper, and that paper has concluded that it must advance its subscription price in order to prevent an actual loss to its publisher. Among other things, it says: "After October 1, 1916, every new subscriber to The Democrat, and each renewal, will cost you at the rate of \$1.50 per annum. We feel that this move is not only fair to ourselves, but believe we are defrauding no one in thus raising the subscription price."

Such action is being taken not only by the Caruthersville Democrat, but a number of other papers, in all parts of the State, as elsewhere, have either advanced the price of subscription, or have already given notice that the subscription price will be raised at a certain date. "Self-preservation is the first law of nature," and it is just this overpowering instinct that has suggested a raise in the subscription price of papers.

This question has been worrying The Times management for some time past, and if the price of news print continues to go higher, this paper will soon be compelled to raise its subscription price to \$1.50 per year. There are no county papers in the State that are larger than The Times, and very few that contains as much reading matter as does this paper; yet many smaller papers have increased their subscription price for the reason that their profit on subscription is on the wrong side of the ledger. Therefore it does not require a mathematician to figure how The Times is coming out on the subscription proposition under existing circumstances.

However, we do not intend to make any advance in subscription rate so long as we can possibly avoid it. A very good way to prolong such action would be for all those who are in arrears, even for a few months, to pay up such delinquency and advance their subscription at the present price of \$1.00 per year. Can you think of anything worth while that can be purchased at so small a cost as a good county seat paper at \$1.00 a year? Bring or send in that dollar, or whatever you may be behind on subscription, and thereby help us to keep up the high standard The Times has fixed in newspaper production—and also help us to keep down the price of subscription.

### A DREAM OF BALLOTS

One of our local physicians told us of a dream he had the other night. He dreamed that it was election day and he was on his way to town to cast his vote. He met some one on the way and asked him how the election was going, and was told that Wilson was away ahead. He then looked up and saw a vision of the whole country spread out before him and the air was filled with Wilson ballots flowing down like snowflakes. The Doctor says the scene appeared as real as anything he ever looked upon, and he hoped that it was an omen of what will occur in November. Of course he told his dream to his wife before breakfast, and according to an old superstition it is bound to come true.

### BARN AND WHEAT BURNED

The large barn of A. S. Kreckel, some miles north of town, was struck by lightning last Tuesday night and set on fire and completely destroyed. Besides the barn, he lost about 500 bushels of wheat, a lot of hay, farm implements, etc. Insurance in the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. only partly covers the loss.